

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 28, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Re-Nu-It centers to close

Re-Nu-It centers will be closed on May 23 and 24, June 20 (Organizational Day) and July 4 and 5.

Diabetes seminar, May 22

The APG Disability Committee will present an educational seminar on diabetes and pre-diabetes on May 22 at Top of the Bay Chesapeake Mezzanine at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker Susanne Brown, RN, from the Joslin Diabetes Center at the University of Maryland Medical System, has served as a certified diabetes educator for 14 years and has been with the center for four years. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

The center is one of an elite group of affiliate centers of the world-renowned Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, which opened in 1898 and has been the nation's premier center for diabetes research, treatment and education for 100 years.

For more information, call Angie Check, 410-278-1140.

Community invited to KUSAHC 40th anniversary

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community is invited to attend the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 40th anniversary celebration, May 29 at 3 p.m. at KUSAHC.

Dr. Rosemary Bonsack, former physician at KUSAHC, will be the guest speaker.

HCC summer courses to begin May 27

Registration for Harford Community College's Summer 2003 credit courses continues through May 24 in the college's Student Center:

Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students may call

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Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Vietnam Wall replica moves the community

Left, retired Army Lt. Col. Walt Davies and his wife Barbara trace the name of their nephew, John Gressel, on the Moving Wall display at Harford Community College. The Vietnam Veterans of America Harford County Chapter #588 brought the moving tribute to the county, April 17 to 20. Above, the Vietnam Veterans of America Harford County Chapter #588 Color Guard leads the closing honors during the Memorial Remembrance Ceremony, April 19. See story on page 13.

Watch card

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to DOD Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222

Edgewood Area 410-436-2222

Off post in Maryland, call

1-800-492-TIPS (8477)

The call may save lives.

ABCDF reports alarm

Jeff Lindblad
CMA-P

Army and Bechtel Aberdeen teams are looking into why a low level of mustard agent vapor was detected May 12 at 12:13 p.m. inside the east end of the process neutralization building of the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

The presence of a very low level of mustard agent vapor was detected by a monitor immediately adjacent to an empty mustard container that had been cleared for removal from a drain station. The nine workers in the immediate area put on their masks and evacuated the building. There were no injuries, and there was no danger to anyone outside of the facility.

Engineering controls in the form of the "cascade" ventilation system were in place to ensure no vapor could be released outside of the facility.

Readings from other monitors in the area were analyzed to determine if mustard agent vapor was present in other parts of the enclosed work area. The room alarm, 10 feet from the container, indicated the presence of no agent vapor; the back-up alarm, located three feet from the container, also indicated no agent vapor.

The signal came from a passive line located an inch or less from the end of the container, which detected very low levels of agent. Workers in Level B protective gear, which includes protective mask and clothing, returned the container to the drain station and sealed it in place for further monitoring. The area was cleared and employees returned to work within hours of the alarm.

The facility began neutralization on April 23, and continues its gradual ramp-up. Decontaminating the ends of the containers in the drain station has proven to require more time and effort than originally anticipated, and workers are refining the techniques required to clear the containers without undue delay.

For details on the neutralization process, call the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 410-676-6800, or visit the Chemical Materials Agency (Provisional) Web site, www.cma.army.mil, for information and fact sheets.

ACS appreciates military spouses

Michelle Walker-Alexander
Special contributor

Army Community Service hosted a Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon May 9 to celebrate the spouses of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This was an opportunity for the community to give thanks for the essential, unyielding support of husbands and wives.

Spouses in attendance reflected the cultural diversity in today's U.S. armed forces. Ranging in age and ethnicity, some work in the home, while many support careers outside of the home.

The common thread is their unyielding support for their soldier and the American troops.

The entire staff of ACS welcomed the community, serving information and support along with a lunch of hoagies and salads to more than 50 spouses and service members.

For one spouse, Mary Ray Hatwood, new to marriage

and the military experience, the event allowed her to learn more about the community.

"This is a very new experience to me. I came here [the luncheon] and I am learning more," Hatwood said.

Several spouses stated that while many have attended Military Spouse Appreciation events in the past at other installations, the Aberdeen Proving Ground ACS event was unique.

"I really like this," said Jessica Aloisi. "I have never been to a luncheon for spouse appreciation. ACS has been so helpful."

She attended the luncheon with her husband, Staff Sgt. Michael Aloisi and her three daughters, Elisabeth, Marcia and Carrie. Aloisi was informed of the event from an e-mail sent throughout the community. Fairly new to the community, the family has enjoyed ACS sponsored events.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, offered some

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Garrison announces results of Directorate of Installation Operations commercial activities study

No technically acceptable bids received

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The APG Garrison's Directorate of Installation Operations is one step closer to implementing its Most Efficient Organization.

In a work force briefing on May 20, Col. Mardi U. Mark, Garrison Commander, announced that the A-76 Commercial Activities Study Source Selection Evaluation Board and Source Selection Authority had determined that "no technically acceptable bids had been received."

According to George Mercer, garrison public affairs officer, "the lack of a technically acceptable private sector contract offer means that there was no acceptable rival offer to the in-house governmental proposal and it is now time for the Garrison and the DIO to move on to the next phase of the A-76 process - preparing to get Congressional authority to implement the MEO."

Mark's announcement was made at the Post Theater and was broadcast live on WAPG-TV, channel 3.

She said that following the cancellation of the 1997 study, Department of the Army directed a new study immediately be initiated, limited to reviewable

functions within public works and logistics. The study involved 365 in-house and 15 contract personnel.

The new A-76 study officially began on Oct. 12, 2001. In December 2002, the in-house bid was finalized and on Dec. 20, industry proposals were due.

In January, a Source Selection Evaluation Board convened to evaluate bids received from private industry. After a lengthy and detailed evaluation process, the Source Selection Evaluation Board and the Source Selection Authority determined that no technically acceptable bids had been received.

In addition, the formal protest period passed without a protest being received.

"Based on these developments, we will request approval from higher headquarters to proceed with plans to implement our Most Efficient Organization," Mark said.

She added that current plans call for a 90-day transition period followed immediately by full implementation of the MEO. The transition period is expected to begin later this year.

Mark pointed out that there still would be a workforce realignment that will result in a smaller workforce.

"It will be smaller and more efficient than the cur-

rent work force," she said. "We expect to accomplish this realignment through VERA/VSIP windows, personnel reassignments and RIF actions."

There was only one question asked by one employee who wanted to know if they would have to re-compete.

"Not to my knowledge," Mark said.

"This brings this round of the A-76 to a close," said Joseph Craten, deputy to the garrison commander. "The A-76 is over to the point that now we have to do the transition."

Mark thanked the DIO staff, members of the in-house work force and contract support personnel who worked on the effort.

"We must now begin preparations to transition to and implement the MEO," she added. "In the meantime, I would ask that you continue to provide outstanding support services to our many customers."

She said there will be future workforce briefings that will provide information about timelines for implementation and additional information.

The CA Hotline, 410-278-7414, is available 24 hours a day to record employees' questions or concerns regarding the CA Study. In addition, CA is a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

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Center breaks ground for \$38M Advanced Chemistry Laboratory

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

On May 9, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Advanced Chemistry Laboratory. U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes attended the event and spoke in support of the project.

Michael Parker, from the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command (Provisional), and Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director, also addressed the crowd of more than 100 public officials, ECBC employees and Army representatives.

“ECBC has contributed greatly to making our world a safer place. Our experts are called upon by our military, our homeland defenders and our international allies,” Zarzycki said. “The Advanced Chemistry Lab will allow us to continue our work at an even higher level of sophistication for years to come.”

Harford County Executive Jim Harkins attended the ground-breaking, along with Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson; State

Delegate Charles Boutin; Havre de Grace city council members John Corrieri and Barbara Ferguson; and Aberdeen Proving Ground Deputy Installation Commander Col. Mardi Mark.

Brig. Gen. Steve Reeves, program executive officer for Chemical and Biological Defense for the U.S. Department of Defense, attended as well as representatives from the offices of U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, U.S. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger and Havre de Grace Mayor David Craig.

The ACL will fill a number of roles for ECBC. It will serve as the United States’ single small-scale facility under the international Chemical Weapons Convention, which means it will be the only national source for research quantities of chemical agent.

High-end technology projects involving decontamination and filtration will be conducted along with precision chemical and materials research in support of numerous federal agencies.

The ACL, which will be located adjacent to existing ECBC buildings in the Edgewood Area of APG, will consolidate the

operations of several separate labs into one 74,000-square foot facility.

The very latest structural techniques and engineering controls are incorporated into the design to ensure maximum safety for lab workers, the environment and the community. Baltimore-based architectural and mechanical contracting firms Gaudreau, Inc., and Poole & Kent are handling design and construction duties for the \$38 million project.

“ECBC is a unique national asset that has been the focus of research and development work involving chemical warfare agents in the defense against chemical weapons for more than 80 years,” Parker said. “The Advanced Chemistry Laboratory will allow ECBC to continue this important work by providing a state-of-the-art research facility with a flexible, modular design to meet the changing requirements of scientific advancements.”

Much of the research work performed in the new laboratory will support the nation’s homeland defense efforts and its work to counter the evolving threat of chemical warfare.

White House welcomes military to traditional egg roll



From left, children of Staff Sgt. Michael Aloisi, 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), Elisabeth, 5, Carrie, 2, and Marcia, 3, pose for a family picture at the White House Egg Roll, April 21.

Michelle Walker-Alexander

Special contributor

Dozens of Aberdeen Proving Ground families were among the special guests welcomed onto the White House South Lawn for a day of fun and games, rich in tradition, April 21.

The annual event has been on the White House calendar since 1878 when President Rutherford B. Hayes offered the White House lawn for local children to have an Easter Egg Roll after senators banned the activity on the Capital lawn.

This year, in honor of U.S. armed forces, President George W. Bush made the event exclusive to service members and their families. For children with mothers and fathers currently deployed, the day offered an opportunity to think of something other than war.

Always eager to support the soldier and their families, the APG Army Community Service was an active component securing tickets for several families. After receiving guidance from Roy Ballinger, director of Community and

Family Activities, Celestine Beckett, director ACS, mobilized her staff who worked diligently through the multi-tiered process from security check to ticket distribution, supporting Fort Meade units as well.

Shannon Massey, APG resident whose spouse is currently deployed, attended with her three children, Michael, Lexi and Avery, ages 10, 7 and 2 respectively, said of the event, “It boosted our spirits. We could have fun and not think about him being gone.”

At no cost to parents, the

only requirement of the day was to have fun.

A legion of volunteers, White House staffers and Park police did everything from directing traffic, checking identification, taking photos and handing out goodie bags.

With the generous support of corporate underwriters and contributors the day began with Breakfast on the Ellipse. The festive atmosphere brought smiles to all. As the body fed on the egg wraps and fruit, the spirit was fed by the storytellers, magicians and Ballet Petite. All the while, the Easter Bunny strolled the meadow taking pictures with smiling faces.

From there it was on to the main event. With tickets in one hand and military ID in the other, families made their way through the security checkpoint and onto the White House lawn.

For Amy Rowell, whose spouse serves with Company A, 308th Military Intelligence, APG, the feeling was, “very surreal to be a part of something that special for military families.” Committed to supporting military families, Rowell volunteered to assist with ticket distribution at the Pentagon.

Upon entering the South Lawn, 5-year old Joshua Rowell wanted to know, “Where’s George?”

Typically the First Lady hosts the festivities, but this year she and the President were in Texas, so Lynn Cheney, wife of Vice-President Richard B. Cheney, took her place.

Along with Cheney several cabinet members and chief

advisors to the president served as special guest readers.

While many children are familiar with egg hunts the concept of rolling an egg with a large spoon was new. With racers ranging in age from



Marcia Aloisi gets a hug from one of the many characters strolling the lawn at the annual White House Egg Roll.

barely toddlers to 8 years old, efforts were made with various degrees of success. With each result, there was a candy bunny prize.

Capt. Brad Eungard, Department of the Army G-4 (Logistics), may have been one of the oldest Easter Egg Roll competitors. Eungard and his wife Gwen helped their 11-month-old son Adam compete in the event.

“He’s just learning to walk and can’t push the egg along too well,” Eungard said. “We had to help him out a little bit, but he probably won’t remember this anyway. That’s why

we have pictures. And, of course, there’s always next year.”

Even if the egg roll was a new experience, every child knew the familiar characters strolling the lawn. Chuckie, from the Rugrats, Strawberry Shortcake, Stanley, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and Bear from the Big Blue House were just few of the notables popular to the under 10 set available for pictures and autographs.

Spring showers drew the day to an early close, but not even the weather could dampen the spirits of the children. With bags full of goodies, and tummies full of Easter treats, the day created memories for a lifetime.

(Editor’s note: See summary box on history of the egg roll.)

History of the White House Egg Roll

It’s not a Chinese food appetizer

While the Easter Egg Hunt is a tradition in the 21st century, the Easter Egg Roll was popular in the 19th century.

The game is a race to the finish line pushing an egg with a kitchen spoon. Privileged children of the day would race along the lawns of the Capitol until senators complained and banned the activity.

Upon encountering some disappointed children one Easter Sunday in 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes opened up the White House Lawn.

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A SYMBOLIC MEMORIAL



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS

At the ‘Days of Remembrance’ program themed ‘For Your Freedom and Ours,’ Rabbi Dr. Tsvi G. Schur lights a candle for Justin Mitchell to transfer the flame to the first of six candles to be lit in memory of the 11 million lives lost during the Holocaust. See story on page 7.



Photo by STANLEY FUTCH
From left, Abdul Sheikh, Directorate of Installation Operations, Spc. Jamar Grovner and Lt. Chanda Parrie, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine Department, examine the mosquito population in the mosquito light and gravid traps on Aberdeen Proving Ground. This is a joint effort between the DIO (Business Management Division), Entomology; KUASHC and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

APG remains vigilant against West Nile Virus

DIO

With the announcement of new outbreaks and several deaths across the country from the West Nile Virus, the entomologists at Aberdeen Proving Ground are keeping an eye on and destroying the breeding ground of mosquitoes to lessen the likelihood of an outbreak at APG. “So far, it’s been working,” said Abdul Sheikh, garrison entomologist, Directorate of Installation Operations. “Up to this point, a few birds have tested positive for the West Nile Virus in Harford County and one on APG in October 2002. Installation personnel remain vigilant in the fight to eliminate mosquitoes and lessen the likelihood of APG-related transmission.”

The spread of WNV

West Nile Virus, found in most areas of the world and first identified in the United States in 1999, is transmitted to humans through a bite

from an infected mosquito. Transmission can also occur from person to person by body parts and blood transfusion.

No pet to person transmission has been documented. In fact, dogs and cats remain relatively unaffected by WNV.

The best way to minimize the threat of the West Nile Virus is to control the mosquito population and prevent human exposure to mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes spread the virus to humans, but initially pick it up by biting virus-infected birds. According to the Center for Disease Control, less than one percent of mosquitoes carry WNV, and while most infected people experience mild flu-like symptoms for a few days before recovering, in a small number of cases, particularly among the elderly, WNV may lead to encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain

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HCC’s Center for academic advising, 410-836-4301, prior to registering to make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor and plan their semester schedule.

Summer sessions for 2003:
May 27 to June 27 (1st 5-weeks)

May 27 to July 18 (8-weeks)

May 27 to August 1 (10-weeks)

June 30 to August 1 (2nd 5-weeks)

In-person registration for the first five-week, eight-week, and 10-week summer sessions will continue through May 24. Students may register for the second five-week session through June 28.

Payment for summer courses is due at the time of registration.

Registration continues at HCC’s Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146, room 11, Raritan Avenue,

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and alternate Friday’s (May 23). For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through May 24 for the first five-week, eight-week, and 10-week sessions, and through June 28 for the second five-week session.

The college accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Forms and further information are included in the Summer/Fall Schedule of Credit Classes, mailed to all Harford County residences. Students can also access the Schedule of Classes at **www.harford.edu**.

For more information, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

Lone Star concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lone Star, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year’s summer concert on Sept. 12.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the gate.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site **www.apg.mwr.com**.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497

Veterinary clinics during May

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold clinics during May.

All clinic visits are by appointment only on May 22, 28, and 30, 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and on May 16, 9 a.m. to noon.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604..

USO-METRO, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a job fair on May 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from

government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

Army Lodging hosts open house June 3

Army Lodging will host an open house at its new office in building E-4903, Edgewood Area, June 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served

EA chapel closes for renovations

The Edgewood Chapel will be closed for renovations June 1 to Nov. 30, but all programs will continue as usual.

Sunday masses will be held in the theater section of the Conference Center (across from the chapel). Daily masses and Eucharistic services will be held at the Gunpowder Club (formerly Officers Open Mess). The staff offices will be moved to the Gunpowder Club and will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. All telephone numbers will remain the same.

Father John Bauer will be available for counseling on Tuesday and Wednesday at his temporary office at the Gunpowder Club.

Beginning in September, CCD classes will be split between the Conference Center and the Gunpowder Club.

The only changes are that “Donut Sunday” will not be held during summer months and parish socials and CYOC meetings will be held in Aberdeen.

The parish picnics will be held at CAPA Field on June 1 and Aug 30. For more information, call the EA Chapel at 410-436-4107.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on May 29, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Bush River Study Area and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and

citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Registration open for UMUC summer courses

Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Summer 2003 semester, which begins May 28.

Classes offered on Aberdeen Proving Ground include Instructional Television Courses: BMGT 342, Fundamentals of Building Wealth; CMIS 340, Programming in Java; CMSC 420, Advanced Data Structures and Analysis; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; COMM 394, Business Writing and PSYC 336, Psychology of Women. Additional classes are available through distance education formats.

For assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of Information Management is currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.n

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct.

The Caller ID feature on telephones will display “APG TELE MGMT” for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

Hours for Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices

The hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

On Fridays following payday and all federal holidays, the offices will be closed.

For more information, call 410-306-2381.

Online resource for Operation Iraqi Freedom

An online reference for frequently asked questions about Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include supporting soldiers, mail, family related issues and locating soldiers is at **http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html**.

ASAP offers training materials

The Army Substance Abuse Program has updated training materials in video, pamphlet, booklet and CD format. Topics include alcohol, heroin, cocaine, Ecstasy, and more.

Training materials can be used in meeting the mandatory four hours of military training and the three hours of required training for all civilians.

Anyone with questions about preparing for a class should call Troy Denson, Prevention coordinator, 410-278-3137.

Fact of the Week

Recycled plastic can be used to make a vast array of products from park benches to clothing.

- Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works

Employees should register with Army's Civilian Emergency Contact Database

CPOL

In light of the heightened security threat, Department of the Army civilian employees are strongly encouraged to ensure that their emergency contact information is current and accurate.

As part of the Army's contingency planning process, it is suggested that the following types of information be provided for each contact person: home and work telephone numbers, cell phone or pager numbers (if any) and home e-mail address.

It is also highly recommended that employees update organizational emergency contact information on a regular basis.

The need for accurate emergency contact information was underscored following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon. Up-to-date information greatly aided Army officials in the personnel accounting process immediately following the attack, tracking individuals whose offices were displaced and conveying critical information rapidly despite widespread computer system impacts.

To accomplish this task, the Army has established an auto-

mated civilian personnel emergency contact database as part of the lessons learned. The database includes Appropriated Fund and Non-Appropriated Fund employees.

This is a voluntary program which requires the use of employees' social security numbers.

While participation is not mandatory, Army officials say that it is strongly encouraged, so that emergency data stored in the database is readily available in the event of an emergency or the death of an employee. The emergency data stored in the database will only be available to authorized individuals who will be directly involved in the actual process of notifying emergency contact(s) and processing or assisting with the necessary documents in the event of injury or death of an employee.

A link to the Army's Civilian Emergency Contact Database, including instructions for registration and entry of data, can be found on the Civilian Personnel Online Web site at www.cpol.army.mil under Emergency Contact Data.

New Central Resume Processing Center opens

Lora Flowers

CPOCMA

The Central Resume Processing Center began processing resumes submitted by e-mail, hard copy or other means for vacant jobs in the Europe, Northeast, North Central, South Central, Southwest, and Pacific regions as of May 12. Anyone applying for jobs in Korea or West Regions, must continue to submit an application directly to that region by going to their homepage via Civilian Personnel On Line, or CPOL, and sending the resume following the instructions on

their individual sites.

The new Central Resume Processing Center is also the central point for answering any questions regarding the submission of a resume or the use of any of the Army automated programs such as the resume builder, the Applicant Notification System Web Enabled Response

(ANSWER), or Self-Nomination for Army jobs.

At this time, the center supports all Army regions except Korea and West Regions.



The CPOCs prefer that the resume builder be used to create and submit resumes electronically. The Army Resume Builder is located at https://cpol.army.mil/rb/rb_entry.cgi. Otherwise, submit the resume to the center using surface mail, e-mail or other means.

Instructions in the job application kit should be fol-

lowed to create the resume, which assures that all of the required information is provided. The Centralized Job Application Kit is located at <http://cpol.army.mil/employ/jobkit>.

A new resume does not need to be submitted if one existed in the Centralized Resume Database prior to May 12, 2003.

Each vacancy announcement contains instructions on "How to Apply."

Any questions should be referred to the individual's Human Resource Specialist at the CPAC.

Community Notes

**SATURDAY
MAY 24
MCSC HOT DOG SALE**

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club will hold a fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the APG Commissary. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be on sale for \$1.50. For more information, call 410-272-6712, or visit Web site www.apgmcsc.org.

**FRIDAY
MAY 30
USO-METRO JOB FAIR**

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

**SATURDAY
MAY 31
THE HANDEL CHOIR OF BALTIMORE**

The Handel Choir of Baltimore with T. Herbert Dimmock, director, will perform Verdi Requiem, 8 p.m. at the Gilliam Concert Hall, Murphy Fine Arts Center, Morgan State University. The performance will be dedicated to all those who

have given their lives in the defense of the United States of America.

Tickets cost \$25, \$30 and \$35 each. Premier Silver Seating costs \$100, and includes a \$50 donation and reception. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-366-6544, visit www.handelchoir.org, or call George Oswinkle, 410-485-0661/410-529-1661.

**FRIDAY
JUNE 6
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
JUNE 6 THRU 8
FIESTA**

The Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, will hold a fiesta, June 6, 6 to 10 p.m.; June 7, 3 to 10 p.m.; and June 8, noon to 5 p.m. Food, games, a moon bounce, bingo, and much more are part of the days' enjoyment. For more information, call 410-676-7785.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



BASIC
Friday, May 23, 7 p.m.
Starring: John Tracolta, Samuel L. Jackson

Six soldiers went out; two came back. What happened to the military's most elite commandos? The last thing the government wants is a rogue Drug Enforcement Agency agent investigating the disappearance. As the investigation unfolds, the rogue agent is placed in direct conflict with the Army's official investigating office and nothing is as it seems. (R)

HEAD OF STATE
Saturday, May 24, 9 p.m.
Starring: Chris Rock, Bernie Mac

When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C., alderman, May Gilliam a complete unknown, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics. (PG-13)



THE ITALIAN JOB
Free Admission
Saturday, May 24, 7 p.m.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron

Mastermind thief Charlie Croker (Mark Wahlberg) pulls off an amazing gold bullion heist from a heavily guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy, only to be double-crossed by one of his crew. Seeking revenge, Croker recruits Stella (Charlize Theron), a beautiful nerves of steel safe cracker and along with his former gang, follow the backstabber to California where they plan to steal back the gold by manipulating traffic signals and creating havoc on the streets of Los Angeles. A contemporary remake of Paramount's 1969 classic by the same name, the film features state of the art chase scenes on sidewalks and through subways. (PG-13)

OMMS LIBRARY

The fifth lecture in the LunchTime Lecture series, "Digital Electronics, Introduction to Logic Circuits," will be presented May 28, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is June 4.

Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation and will provide an introductory level of knowledge on the operation of different types of logic gates. Input and output signals, voltage and logic levels, and truth tables will

be discussed. A simulation program will demonstrate the operation of the logic gates.

This lecture will be of interest for anyone studying for ASE certification in the following automobile and truck areas: electrical/electronic. Attendees will receive a training certificate.

To make a reservation, call 410-278-4991 or visit the library.

Freedom is focal point of holocaust ceremony

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

In honor of victims and survivors of the holocaust from 1933 to 1945, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory sponsored the ‘Days of Remembrance’ program April 29 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground post theater.

In opening remarks Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, extended a special welcome and thanks to guest speaker and holocaust survivor Rubin Sztajer, Community Rabbi Dr. Tsvi G. Schur, Jewish Family Services, Baltimore; master of ceremonies Arthur Gordon, u.S. Army Research Laboratory; and students from Aberdeen Middle School for participating in the ceremony.

“Our purpose for being here is twofold. We are here as a living memorial to the lives and courage of all those who endured the holocaust,” Mark said. “We are here to celebrate freedom and to remember it comes at a high price.”

Mark continued by saying although the attack was ultimately against the Jewish people, a total of 11 million were killed, to include Gypsies, the physically and mentally disabled, Polish citizens, homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Germans of color and Soviet prisoners of war.

Reflecting on the theme, ‘For Your Freedom and Ours,’ Mark said it is important to realize that every citizen has a responsibility.

“It screams the importance of each person’s responsibilities to his fellow human beings. We need to remember the suffering of the holocaust victims to prevent this tragedy from happening again,” Mark said, adding that even though the events of the past are saddening to recall, it is important to do so.

Mark challenged attendees to look back on the past suggesting that it will help society make better decisions for the fate of tomorrow.

“Looking back at history enables us to better understand where the wrong choice may

lead,” Mark said.

The event focused on Sztajer, who shared his experiences, after his wife, Regina, offered an explanation of what lead to the destruction of more than 11 million people.

“I’m going to tell you why Hitler [Adolf Hitler, murderer of millions in the 1940’s] hated the Jews,” she said.

According to Sztajer, Hitler was born catholic and possibly came from Jewish decent but did everything possible to hide it. She said when he was young, his mother died from cancer, under the direction of a Jewish doctor. From that everything else in his life failed.

“His mother died of cancer, and he not only blamed the Jewish doctor but he blamed the entire Jewish community as well,” she said.

Sztajer went on to tell his story.

He was born in Klobuck, Poland, Feb. 28, 1926.

When the Germans came, they identified every Jew, forcing them to wear the yellow Star of David on their clothing. Sztajer along with his parents and four siblings were forced to relocate to the Warsaw

Ghetto into one room with one bed, a table and two benches.

“The Germans came after us for of one reason and one reason only - because we were born Jewish,” Sztajer said.

On April 12, 1942, Sztajer said he was taken away from his family.

He said he cried all night because he did not know what would happen to him, if he would ever get out or what to do when he needed advice.

“I didn’t know who my enemy was or who was my friend,” Sztajer said.

He said he was ordered to Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp where he was required to work six days a week, digging dirt with a shovel for a munitions factory to be built.

“We had to work when it was very hot and when it was so cold that we could feel the wind going through us,” Sztajer said.

For three years he was a prisoner. He said they worked all day with no water to drink, and were fed one cup of thin soup and a piece of bread at the end of the day.

Many prisoners died every day of starvation and disease.

Sztajer said near the end of

the war, the Germans were moving the prisoners deeper into the country, trying to outrun the allies. Transported by train to another concentration camp, he shared one freight car with 100 prisoners for three days; only 10 survived.

Sztajer said when they were liberated in 1945, he was found by his sister, unconscious and barely alive. He was hospitalized for seven months.

“When I was liberated, I had about three years worth of dirt on me,” Sztajer said. “It took seven months to get it off.”

In 1949 Sztajer came to the United States without a job, education or money and adjusted to the American way of life.

He married and together he and his wife raised three children who are all college graduates and have successful careers. They have seven grandchildren.

Sztajer closed saying that he is not sure why others who endured the same horrific events were not as fortunate as he was, but he thanked God for allowing him to live and share his story.



Courtesy of NATIONAL ARCHIVES

German soldiers arrest Jews during the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Poland, May 1943.



Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

Beginning Tai Chi

This series of classes teaches the art of Tai Chi. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday, June 2 to 25, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Russell Gym. Cost is \$40 for the series. Register by May 27. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Tai Chi

This all-levels Tai Chi class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, June 3 to 26, 6 to 7 p.m. at the EA Fitness Center. Cost is \$40. Register by May 27. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Fundamentals of fitness walking

Get the fundamentals of walking to get maximum fitness results. Classes will begin every Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the AA Athletic Center Lobby. Cost is \$30. Register by May 29. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Summer basketball league

League meets every Tuesday and

Thursday starting June 10 in the APG Athletic Center. All games start at 6 p.m. and run for six weeks. Cost is \$30 per person. Register by May 30. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Summer softball league

League will meet every Friday starting June 13 on Shine Sports Field. All games will start at 6 p.m. and run for six weeks. Cost is \$30 per person. Register by May 30. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Pools update

The Olympic Pool will not open until mid July due to the construction of the new bathhouse.

The Shore Pool will open Memorial Day weekend. The hours are Tuesday thru Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Monday is closed.

Bayside Pool opens Memorial Day weekend. The hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

AA and EA swim lessons

This series of 10 lessons will make swimmers more comfortable in the water. There will be a swimming test adminis-

tered to all students the first day. Classes start on July 14 at the Shore Pool in Aberdeen and at Bayside Pool in Edgewood. Teens ages 13 to 18 years swim from 8 to 9 a.m., youths ages 6 to 12 swim from 9 to 10 a.m., and children ages 3 to 5 swim 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 for each child and \$20 for each additional child. Active duty military should register by May 31, and all others from June 1 to July 14. For more information, contact Ed Dela Cruz at 410-278-4124 or e-mail ed.delacruz@usag.apg.army.mil.

Adult swimming lessons will be held June 16 to 30 at Shore Pool from 7 to 8 p.m. for \$25 per person. Register by June 9 at MWR Registration or Outdoor Recreation. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Yankees vs. Mets

Tickets are available to see the “House that Babe Ruth Built” and one of the greatest games in the subway series, June 28, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Yankee Stadium. Cost is \$81. Register by June 14. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECK-LIST

According to the Maryland State Department of Education, preschoolers should have over 2,000 hours of exposure to the printed word for oral proficiency before entering kindergarten. This goal was established with indicators to help teachers evaluate children in the first couple of months in the classroom. Teachers will expect children to: discriminate initial sounds and tell if two words are/are not the same; generate rhyming words; clap sound patterns; identify and name the parts of a book front, back, pages, spine; show how to hold a book to read it; discriminate individual letters from words; point to individual words in sentences, show how print is read from left to right; demonstrate comprehension of fiction versus non-fiction texts; and record personal ideas, using scribble or letter strings.

There are many easy ways for parents to expose their children to printed materials. Ready at Five suggests the following:

For infants, take time to read aloud. Point out plot

points in the pictures. When bathing or dressing an infant, point out body parts and clothing. Play games like ‘This Little Piggy’ and ‘Pat-A-Cake.’ Toddlers love books of all kinds, so read to them frequently. When reading a story, leave out words and let the toddler fill them in. Sing with the toddler. Talk about what you are doing during a day. For Preschoolers, take turns ‘reading,’ and let the child read books he or she has memorized. Teach children how to sequence events by asking for a recitation of events in a book. Encourage their rhyming skills by changing the first letter of small words like cat or hat. Review opposites. Let them be the author and artist and give them brushes, pencils and crayons to produce their own books.

No matter what age level, parents should set aside a special time and place to read in quiet and without interruption. It is relaxing to read at bedtime, but it’s just as fun throughout the day.

Hug and cuddle, too. Researchers have discovered children are more willing to learn when they associate learning with a memory as positive as a

cuddle.

(Source: Early Childhood Citizens’ Advisory Committee, Harford County Public Schools)

SUMMER CHESS PROGRAM

Chess Challenge, a summer chess program, will be conducted each week in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth centers for elementary and middle school age children who are signed up in the SAS/YS Summer Program, June 23 through Aug. 15. ‘Mr. Ivan’ will conduct the chess program at the Aberdeen Youth Center, and ‘Mr. Jerome’ at the Edgewood Youth Center. Instruction, round-robin tournaments, fun quizzes and more are some of the features of participating in learning how to play the game of chess.

The after-school chess clubs at Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth centers will stop after June 12, and start again with new registration in September. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

An incentive based summer reading program, ‘Rally for Reading,’ at the Aberdeen

Youth Center, and ‘Reading Club’ at the Edgewood Youth Center, will be conducted by ‘Mr. Ivan’ each week for elementary and middle school age children as part of the SAS/YS Summer Program, June 23 to Aug. 15. Youths will keep a special reading log to chart the number of pages read each week. There will be special themes to talk about, readings, discussions and expression time, and awards, plus a competition trophy for the winning center. Call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 for more information.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Once school starts, the World Geography Challenge panel will be asking elementary and middle school age children at the youth centers to participate in this twice a year competition. Teams will consist of not less than three or more than five students per team, grades 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Teams will have resource materials available to help them answer the questions from the moderator. There will be a time limit for each question. Awards will be presented for first, second and third place. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

For anyone planning to do a little traveling on the East Coast this summer, the following books are a sample of available titles at the APG MWR Library:



Adventure Guide to the Chesapeake Bay by Barbara and Tim Rogers.

This book includes experiences for all ages and interests, whether it’s a chance to learn spinning at a historic Annapolis home or sailing in Havre de Grace. Fishing, paddling, walking, cycling, skiing and riding are some of the many ways you can enjoy this region outdoors.



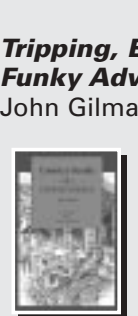
Country Towns of Maryland & Delaware: Charming Small Towns and Villages to Explore by Judy Colbert

Away for the Weekend: Mid-Atlantic: Great Getaways Within 250 Miles of Washington, D.C. by Eleanor Berman



Walking in Baltimore: An Intimate Guide to the Old City by Frank R. Shivers

Highroad Guide to the Virginia Mountains by Deane and Garvey Winegar



O’ New Jersey: Day Tripping, Back Roads, Eateries, and Funky Adventures by Robert Heide & John Gilman

Country Roads of Pennsylvania: Drives, Day Trips, and Weekend Excursions by Sally Moore

Daytrips New York: 107 One Day Adventures with 44 Maps edited by Earl Steinbicker

Additional travel guides can be found by accessing the library’s online catalog at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Volunteer coaches needed

The soccer program needs volunteer coaches. All coaches will be certified through NYSCA on July 24, 6 to 9 p.m. in building 2752. Each coach must successfully complete the required background checks as required by Child

and Youth Services and abide by the youth center’s coaching job descriptions. Anyone interested in coaching youth soccer at APG should call Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297 or e-mail william.kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Contest underway at Ruggles

Now is the time to practice driving the ball at Ruggles Golf Course driving range. One golfer each week will find a “lucky” red ball in their bucket, which wins that golfer a prize. The contest ends June 30.

Weekly winners will be placed in a grand prize drawing for a trip for two to a “Great Golf Escape” that will be announced on July 31. The seven-day trip includes transportation, daily rounds of golf, one hour of tennis daily and \$500 in cash.

No purchase is necessary so others interested in entering the grand prize drawing need to stop by the Pro Shop to fill out the necessary paperwork to enter.

For more information, contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Joining the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2003 season. Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long term contractors with govern-

ment ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of eight hours of work and standing assigned security watches.

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Pool time approaches at APG

Aberdeen Proving Ground will open its three swimming pools soon. The Olympic Pool will not open until mid-July due to the construction of the new bathhouse.

Operating hours

Olympic Pool, building 3325, Aberdeen Area, and Bayside Pool, building E-4656, Edgewood Area, season opening is May 24. The pools will close Sept. 2. The pools will be open Monday through Sunday and holidays, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Shore Pool, building 2031, Aberdeen Area, will open on May 24 and close Aug 23. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Monday.

NOTE: Due to the Olympic Pool new bathhouse not being available until late July, the Shore Pool will be open and operational the same times as

the Bayside Pool. All times and closings will be posted.

Eligibility

Active duty military personnel and their families, members of Reserves and National Guard on annual training, retired military personnel and their families (including Reserve/National Guard with retirement pay status), and DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees (including AAFES) and families are eligible to use APG pools.

Fees, passes

There is a daily fee of \$3 including houseguests.

Individual monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$12.50, all others cost \$25.

Family monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$25, all others cost

\$35.

Individual season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$25, all others cost \$50.

Family season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$50, all others cost \$80.

Military students on weekends and holidays will only be charged a daily fee of \$1.50.

Miscellaneous

Military family members must show family members’ ID cards and civilian employees must show civilian DOD ID cards.

Season passes are on sale and can be purchased at either the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or the Hoyle Fitness Center building E-4210, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5

p.m.

Lunch lap swimming will be conducted at the Olympic and Bayside pools, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Swimming lessons

Youth Swimming lessons (three age groups) will be given at the Shore and Bayside pools Monday through Friday, July 14 to Aug. 1. Teen Swim Lessons for youths 13 to 18 will be given 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; youth swim lessons for 6 to 12 year olds will be given from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and child swim lessons for 3 to 5 year olds will be given from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Classes are managed in 40 minutes of instructions, 10 minutes of practice time and 10 minutes to clear the pool and additional verbal instructions.



SIBA gets helping hand from local school

On an April day, Glen Maguire, Harford Technical High School welding instructor, and a member of the Spesutie Island Boating Activity, prepares the gate posts to install the new swing gate at the boat club’s ramp. High school students in Maguire’s welding class, David Duncan and Russell Woods designed and fabricated the swing gate to replace the old overhead gate as a community support project for the SIBA. The boat club commends these students for their efforts and their sense of community support, skills and knowledge attained at Harford Technical High School.

Commissaries change coupon rules

Rick Brink
DeCA

Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions June 1 that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

“We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We’re only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons,” said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency’s executive director for operations and product support. “If the coupons state more than one per item can be used, then we’ll accept them. If it doesn’t, then we’ll accept only one per item.”

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers’ intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. DeCA policy had allowed commissaries to accept multiple coupons unless specifically stated as only “one per item.”

Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically

allowing the practice.

Customers can watch for advertising and in-store flyers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the stores.

DeCA operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

Sports

Free access to fitness centers available to military personnel

Active duty military and their family members, retired military and their family members, along with Reservists will be authorized general self-directed use of Aberdeen Proving Ground fitness centers at no fee.

Military, however, will need to purchase a Corporate Fitness Pass if they choose to participate in any structured program at any of the three facilities.

Civilian personnel and contractors must purchase a Corporate Fitness Pass in order to use any of the facilities. The Corporate Fitness Pass includes Health Risk Assessments, Health Promotions Classes and any classes that may be sponsored by the fitness centers. Certified fitness trainers are on staff to conduct these programs.

A state of the art Microfit System will be located in each facility for fitness assessments.

The Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center will become one facility. A door will be placed between the two facilities for easier access.

Monthly fees cost \$30 for one month; \$75 for three months; \$125 for six months and \$200 for one year.

For more information, call Gwyn Dolzine, 410-278-9725/4907.

Start Smart Soccer

Start Smart Soccer is a developmentally appropriate introductory soccer program for children 3 and 4 years old as of July 31, 2003. The program prepares children for organized soccer in a fun non-threatening environment. Start Smart Soccer prepares children and their parents for organized soccer without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Parent participation is required. Class is held on Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 8.

Soccer clinic

The APG Soccer clinic is for boys and girls ages 4 and 5. Children must be 4 by July 31, 2003. Practices will be held one day a week and games will be held on Saturdays beginning Sept. 6. The soccer clinic will play 5 vs. 5 with a minimum of seven players per team and a maximum of nine.

Registration in Aberdeen will be held at building 2752, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 2 to 16, by appointment. Call Outreach Services at 410-278-7571 or email a military Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

In Edgewood registration will be held at building E-1902, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 2 to 16.

Discount Orioles Baseball tickets offered to military, family members

The USO of Metropolitan Washington will offer special discount Orioles Baseball tickets at \$5 each (upper reserve seating) to active duty military (E-6 and below) and their family members. The tickets are available only through USO-METRO, and can be picked up at the USO Center, Community Center, Fort Myer, Va. Tickets are available in limited numbers for the following games:

Baltimore Orioles vs. Texas Rangers, Saturday, June 1, 1:35 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, June 3, 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Milwaukee Brewers, Saturday, June 14, 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, June 15, 1:35 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Philadelphia Phillies, Friday, June 27, 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Philadelphia Phillies, Saturday, June 28, 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Philadelphia Phillies, Sunday, June 29, 1:35 p.m.

For more information, call 703-696-2551 (Ticketline).

No sports stats

Intramural sports statistics were not received in time for this week’s issue. For information, contact the APG Sports Office at 410-278-3931.

Phase I, III CGSC offered

Beginning in October, the 10th Battalion, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in Phases I and III of the Command and General Staff Officer’s Course at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Attending class offers many advantages over the correspondence option including access to instructors, the opportunity to learn from fellow students with a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise, and a structured environment best suited for completing the course on time.

Enrollment is open to active duty, AGR, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain (promotable) and above.

Officers enrolled in the Correspondence Program are encouraged to move to the class option.

Enrollment in ATTRS is required to reserve a slot to attend CGSOC. The ATTRS numbers are:

Phase I:
School: B701
Course: 701-1-250-C3 (NEW-IDT)(F)
Phase: 1

Class: 300
Phase III:
School: B701
Course: 701-1-250-C3 (NEW-IDT)(F)
Phase: 3
Class: 301

For more information or assistance applying for Phase I, contact Maj. Alice Roosa, 301-543-4879 (work), or 410-297-6972 (home), or e-mail alice.roosa@us.army.mil; for Phase I/III, contact Lt. Col. Mark Valeri, 410-877-7033 (work) or 410-299-2068 (home), or e-mail mavaleri@regaldecision.com.

WNV

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which can cause death.

Increased rain generally brings on more mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus, but extremely heavy showers can wipe out the muddy pools preferred by the kind of mosquito that often has the virus.

Eliminating mosquito breeding grounds and following individual protection guidelines are ways that everyone can help stop the spread of the virus.

Control and tracking of WNV

Sheikh said installation personnel control the mosquito population while protecting soldiers, residents and employees of APG by using mosquito dunks, biological pesticides that are considered non-toxic to humans and pets. The dunks are used to destroy mosquito larvae and breeding sites in housing areas, field training sites, and recovery areas, otherwise known as larviciding.

“Mosquito dunks have been added to remote marshes and swamps of APG to destroy mosquito-breeding areas in the standing waters of those areas, and periodically, when soldiers are not present, field-training areas with high mosquito populations are fogged,” Sheikh said.

He added that entomologists at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine use mosquito dunks to larvicide in Edgewood Areas, and personnel from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine have placed light traps for mosquito population surveys throughout the Edgewood and Aberdeen

areas, paying close attention to housing areas.

“Once a trap reflects a sufficient rise in number, fogging is scheduled,” Sheikh said.

He added, that if fogging is scheduled for housing areas, residents receive advance



Photo by ABDUL SHEIKH
Stanley Futch, an LB&B Associates Inc. Environmental Engineering Technician, assigned to DIO, larvicide’s a standing water area on APG by distributing mosquito dunks in the water.

notice so residents and pets can be indoors to limit their exposure to the chemical, when the fogger drives through the area.

“And absolutely under no circumstances should anyone follow the fogger,” he added.

Birds infected with the virus die after a few days, so the spread of WNV is tracked through testing dead birds displaying no obvious sign of death due to trauma. Residents and workers on the installation can help entomologists keep tabs on the spread of WNV by reporting the location of dead birds with no obvious sign of death due to trauma to pest control at 410-278-3303. Note that this is the reporting number for those on Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of the installation.

Do not touch the bird; trained personnel will pick it up for testing.

Personal protection

“Unfortunately, there are a number of standing water

areas, and we are assuming mosquitoes will be a major problem,” Sheikh said.

Residents of housing and building occupants can also help by identifying areas around their buildings and homes that may have the potential for collecting and holding water and taking appropriate corrective measures.

Cleaning up water collecting debris such as buckets, tires, empty cans, flowerpots and poorly maintained kiddie pools will help in reducing the threat. Storing buckets, empty containers and other types of water collecting items upside down prevents water collection.

Cleaning bird-baths weekly so stagnant water does not collect in them will prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Repellent may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children. Insect repellent should not be applied to very young children (less than 3 years old.)

Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening if possible. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever outdoors.

When using insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacture’s ‘Directions for use,’ as printed on the product.

If planning an outdoor activity, call the APG entomologist, at 410-278-3303 for fogging times. For more information on West Nile Virus, visit Web site <http://rcwrecovery.fws.gov/wnvguide.htm>, West Nile Virus Precautionary Guide, or call the West Nile Virus State Hotline at 1-866-866-crow.

CSA honors military spouses

Soldiers have been “on point for our nation” for nearly 228 years now - courageously fighting and winning our wars, securing our liberty, and defending the freedom and privilege we all enjoy. But the American Soldier has never soldiered alone - Army spouses have always been making their own, unique contributions to the well-being of the force, through ten wars and all the periods of restless peace in between.

The dedication and support of our Army spouses is never more important than during the times of war.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the days have been marked by incredible emotion -the toughest days when our soldiers were lost, and the jubilant highs of battlefield victories.

We have witnessed our Army’s magnificent moments -here at home and in faraway places like Afghanistan, the Philippines, Kuwait, and Iraq - and all of them continue to be delivered by our people: soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and their families.

The Army family remains strong and vibrant. For that, we owe a tremendous amount to our Army spouses who rely on their own remarkable personal courage, indomitable strength, and great resolve to sustain our families.

Over long months of separation from their soldiers, they have served as both mother and

father to their children and as leaders who bind their communities together. Again and again, Army spouses have displayed in their abiding love and constant support their own magnificent moments. We are proud beyond measure of all of them.

May 9, Military Spouse Day, formally recognizes our Army spouses for their service, their sacrifice, and for their unyielding devotion to our soldiers and our Army.

We do ask a great deal of our soldiers, but we receive an equal amount from our Army spouses - they are the most generous people I know.

Soldiering remains an affair of the heart, and Army spouses constantly reinforce the truth of that proposition.

So to all of our Army and military spouses, and on behalf of The Army and all of our soldiers on point for the nation, thank you -for your unyielding commitment, your profound strength and courage, and for your devoted service.

God bless you and your families, The Army, and our great country.

Eric K. Shinseki
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Some common questions about the West Nile Virus are:

- Q. What is West Nile Encephalitis?**
A. Encephalitis means an inflammation of the brain and can be caused by viral and bacterial infections, including viruses transmitted by mosquitoes. West Nile Encephalitis is an infection of the brain caused by the West Nile Virus.
- Q. How do people get West Nile Encephalitis?**
A. By the bite of a mosquito (primarily the Culex species) that is infected with the West Nile Virus.
- Q. Can you get West Nile Virus directly from birds?**
A. There is no evidence that a person can get the virus from handling dead or live infected birds. However, avoid bare-handed contact when handling dead animals, including dead birds. Use gloves or double plastic bags to place the carcass in a garbage can.
- Q. Besides mosquitoes, can you get West Nile Virus directly from other insects or ticks?**
A. Infected mosquitoes are the primary vectors for West Nile Virus and the source of this outbreak. Ticks have been found infected with the West Nile Virus, but their role in the transmission and maintenance of the virus is uncertain.
- Q. What are the symptoms of the West Nile Encephalitis?**
A. Mild infections are common and include fever, headaches, and body aches, often with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. More severe infection is marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, occasional convulsions, paralysis, and rarely death.
- Q. What is the incubation period of the West Nile Encephalitis?**
A. Usually 5 to 15 days.
- Q. How is the West Nile Encephalitis treated?**
A. There is no specific therapy. Intensive supportive therapy is indicated in more severe cases
- Q. What can I do to reduce my risk of becoming infected with the West Nile Virus?**
A. Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening, wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, or trying some type of mosquito repellent. Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET, as mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

Spouses

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words, first jokingly suggesting that all soldiers in attendance should be on their knees at the feet of their spouses, then offering a sincere thanks to all of the spouses in the community, citing their dedication to soldiers, family and the U.S. armed forces.

The informal event allowed the participants an opportunity to talk and connect with each other. As the tradition continues it has become a highly anticipated annual event for the community.

Join the spouses club

MCSC membership is open to all spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or retired; spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees; and DoD civilians.

The club hosts monthly membership functions, which include both daytime luncheons and popular evening events, like the Fall Frolic and Beer Tasting.

The cost of a half-year membership is \$6.

For more information about MCSC, visit the club’s Web site, www.apgmcsc.org.

Harford remembers Vietnam with moving memorial

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The structure

From a distance, it is a simple marble structure. As one draws nearer, its size increases, and as one stands before it, the enormity of the sacrifice, pain, and camaraderie it symbolizes hits home.

Such was the experience for many who visited the American Veterans Traveling Tribute, better known as the Moving Wall, during a four-day stop at Harford Community College, April 17 to 20.

Vietnam Veterans of America Harford County Chapter #588 sponsored the event that included a computerized name location system run by volunteers, educational displays, a bronze replica of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and a 40-foot POW/MIA flag.

Also, the Vietnam Veterans of Baltimore, Chapter #451, provided the Operation Remember display of the 1,046 names of Marylanders killed in the conflict.

Norman Boskind, chair of the Harford County Veterans Commission, said the purpose of bringing the memorial to the county was to pay tribute to those lost during the war and to bring the wall to those who have never visited the National Memorial in Washington.

"As close as we are to Washington, a lot of people have never ventured there to see the wall for themselves," Boskind said. "We also hoped to give young people the chance to learn more about the war to stimulate an appreciation for America's military that will carry over into future generations. So many don't understand the cost of freedom. This memorial says it all."

The Moving Wall, a four-fifths replica of the Washington, D.C., monument, includes the same 58,229 names of those killed or listed as missing in action that appear on the original structure. It stands nearly eight feet high at the apex and is nearly 400 feet in length.

Army of volunteers

Organizers relied heavily on the willingness of several organizations to help bring the event to fruition, said Frank Stacey, president of chapter #588. They included volunteers from Chapter #588 and other Maryland VVAs who worked security for the 24-hour operation, cadets from the Maryland Army National Guard FreeState ChalleNGe Academy who helped with the set up and break-down of the memorial; and color guards from local veteran, ROTC and law enforcement organizations that participated in the Memorial Remembrance Service held April 19.

"The FreeState cadets were a huge help," Stacey said, adding that 15 cadets helped lay the 70 pallets that support the structure, which took more than six hours to assemble.

"They performed a police call that left the site looking better than it did when we got here," Stacey said.

Also, the MDARNG provided a fly-over of three Army helicopters, an OH-58 Kiowa, used in Vietnam as a scout and liaison aircraft and two UH-1 Hueys which performed troop transport, gun support and medical evacuations during the war.

The aircraft, based at Weide Army Airfield in the Edgewood Area, were piloted by Col. Ron Eaton, commander of the 29th Infantry Division Aviation Brigade, Lt. Col. Jack Blanchard, Chief Warrant Officers Keith Harris, Charlie Foster, Roger Weaver, and Pat Aaron. All served as Army aviators in Vietnam and are native Marylanders, Stacey noted.

Solemn ceremony

During the ceremony, more than 300 filled the stands, and invited dignitaries from local governments and APG listened in as Stacey and Boskind led a



Photo by FRANK STACEY

A single rose pays tribute to the names on the American Veterans Traveling Tribute known as the Moving Wall during the April 17 to 20 stop at Harford Community College.

solemn tribute to the war's fallen.

The guest speakers included retired Army Col. Walter R. Mueller Jr., deputy director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and retired Navy Commander and former prisoner of war, Everett Alvarez Jr.

The invited guests included Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander; Larry Kimball, Maryland deputy for Veterans Affairs, representing Governor Robert L. Ehrlich; Maryland state Senator Robert Hooper, Harford County Executive James Harkins; Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson and members of the Harford County Council.

Kimball read a proclamation from the governor thank-

ing Chapter #588 for bringing the wall to Harford County and proclaiming April 19 "Vietnam Veterans of America Day." He also presented Boskind, Mueller and Alvarez with Governor's citations "in recognition of their service to America."

Choking back tears, Kimball said, "I want to say one last thing to all Vietnam vets - Welcome home."

The ceremony included musical selections by the North Harford High School Chorus and a remembrance table ceremony by VVA Chapter #772 from Cecil County.

As Boskind called off the names of Maryland's war dead, honor guard members from veteran and law enforcement agencies lined up to lay flowers near the names and escort the family members that were present.

The escorts included mem-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Barbara Fosnaught, left, looks on as her husband, Bill, right, helps Inez Taylor of Baltimore locate the name of her son, Ralph L. Taylor, on the Moving Wall during the Memorial Remembrance ceremony, April 19.

bers of American Legion Post 128, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, American Legion Post 37, VVA Chapter 588 and the Maryland Air National Guard.

Fond remembrances

Few who approached the wall could resist the emotional aura of the marble edifice. Many who came to it said they had never visited the Washington, D.C., monument.

"When I heard it was here, I had to come out," said Ken Batten of Churchville as he gathered names of friends and neighbors.

Inez Taylor of Baltimore, who broke down at the sight of the name of her son, Ralph L. Taylor, a twin who died at the age of 19, was escorted to the wall by Bill Fosnaught, a Chapter #588 honor guard who was in her son's unit and saw him killed.

Over the years the families

became close and Fosnaught said he was honored to escort Taylor.

"We got together around 1991, shared stories over photo albums and have been friends ever since," Fosnaught said.

Retired Lt. Col. Walt Davies, former deputy commander of Edgewood Arsenal, and his wife Barbara said they came to see the name of their nephew John Gressel, who died in 1968 after only 27 days in the war zone.

"We've never been to the D.C. wall," he said. "Seeing how much is really here is a fantastic sight."

He added that is was a "great thing to bring the wall to the people."

"We used to live in the D.C. area but now we get lost there. It's confusing for those who have never been. That's what keeps most people away," Davies said.

"It makes me feel awful, but it's a fitting tribute," added David Hooper, the brother of Maryland Sen. Robert Hooper as he scratched the name of his friend, Gary Schaeffer. He said he found many names of those he went to school or served with during his time in Nam.

Mike Armstrong of Bel Air said he came to find the name of a friend who was killed during his third tour of duty.

"My draft number was low so I didn't have to go," Armstrong said, adding the wall elicits strong emotions.

"It's powerful knowing what you're there for," he said of those in search of loved ones names.

"It's really sad to look at all those names, but families have to be proud just like families today are proud of those lost in Iraq," Armstrong said.